





# Baptist Record

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## Editorial.

### IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEN.

We have determined to open a column of business notices, and to give to our readers a full and complete list of the names of the leading business men of the State. We will publish the names of the leading merchants, manufacturers, and other business men of the State, and will give to our readers a full and complete list of the names of the leading business men of the State.

Never forget to write business notices and articles for publication on separate pieces of paper, and the latter on but one side of the paper.

In ordering your paper changed give the office from which and the office to which the change is to be made, both plainly written.

When you send an obituary, count the words, and for every over 100, send with the copy, 2 cents for every additional word.

Send money by any safe way, and two dollars or over, securely sealed in an envelope at our risk.

The Baptist Record and Clarion will be sent to any address one year for three dollars.

If you do not receive your paper regularly, see the postmaster and know who takes it out, and if you cannot correct the error at that end of the line write to this office and we will help to correct the trouble.

For ten new subscribers and \$20, we will send to any one a copy of Dr. Tupper's History of the Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Remember that ten new subscribers and \$20 will secure you a copy of Dr. Tupper's History of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a large book which ought to be in the library of every preacher. We have 50 copies to give. About seven have been spoken for already. If you propose to work for a copy send your name at once.

Everyone sending us \$2 during this month and the next, and desiring it, will receive Kendall's pamphlet on the house, advertised elsewhere.

NOTE AND COMMENTS.

I heartily endorse what Bro. Bowen says about the Young Missionary. — L. E. HALL.

We have not yet quite agreed on propositions with Dr. Hunter, but we can report progress and begin time.

Ed. J. L. Pettigrew, will move to Clinton this week. He will build a house and settle. We welcome him.

We spent last Sabbath with pastor Miller in Grenada. He is moving along smoothly in his work, has a good hold on the flock.

The Editor of the Record will, providence permitting, be with Pastor Thigpen at Salem church, Jasper county the 4th Sabbath in this month.

I am in receipt of a copy of the Record. Am pleased with the arrangement with yourself and the MESSENGER. — F. J. FORT, Mt. Lebanon, La.

Eld. Reuben Fields, of Monticello, Lawrence County, reports his four churches in a flourishing condition. He has a large and important field.

The Palestine Church, Hinds County, has taken her annual collection for Foreign Missions. The pastor expected \$60 or \$70, and got nearly \$100, all so easy, too.

There is great need of Baptist preaching on this river. Our Methodist brethren think our preachers are afraid of this river. — Miss A. H. Biscoe, Bolivar Landing.

It is time that we began thinking about the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Baltimore, May next. Pastors should attend, if possible, and the churches should help them to go.

The brethren have been sending in some excellent articles lately. We beg that they will continue to do so. It is not a little thing to address a congregation of 10,000 people. Do your best, brethren.

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The brethren and sisters of the Nazareth church keep up a prayermeeting, a Sunday-school and conduct services among themselves when the pastor is not present. The spirit of the Lord is working among them.

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Thanks to Bro. T. E. Tate, for timely advice to our "country readers" and "country pastors." Travel again Bro. T. and let us have the "benefit" of your observations. Some of us are very ignorant. — COUNTRY PASTOR.

Several complaints reach us that the Record reaches its destination from two days to twelve months late. We can only mail it on time. It never fails to be mailed on the day of publication. The fault is with route agents.

Mrs. Taylor, reports in a letter to the TEXAS BAPTIST HERALD, that for two months, at Bahia, Brazil, they have been having one or two baptisms a week, though they are compelled to be rather quiet about administering the rite.

I have just read the terrible accounts of the floods and cyclones. Are these things the evidences of the divine displeasure. Do we it looks that way. — W. M. THOMPSON.

Do not the Scriptures teach such a message? The stormy winds tell his pleasure.

My burden of anxiety is getting upon me for the Record, that possessed me formerly in the interest of the MESSENGER. I feel that the medium of communication is almost essential to the prosecution of our church work. — W. S. COPELAND, Haynesville, La.

## A BLESSED POSSIBILITY.

Life is a great blessing. If one knows how to use it. To live wrong, is to make existence a curse. As things are, it seems difficult to live at all in such way as to bring peace to our hearts and make the outcome of this present state good. There are so many perplexities, so many things hard to bear, so many dark clouds, so many doubtful ways, and, with all, we are so weak and ignorant. Truly the difficulties in the way of good living are great. And yet, if we fail, what a calamity! Some are not trying to live right, only as to the larger features of the case. Many church members are not struggling to walk the higher and better paths of holiness; but some are, many are; they have longings after something better than they have known. Now and then they cross the shining path, and it is beautiful to them; but they plunge into the darkness again, and then bewail their sad condition. Now they are ready to give up and say it will never be any better. It is the same old story of little successes and large failures, yet they long for a life beautiful in peace and holiness.

Is such a life possible? Yes, but it must be a life of trust, of daily walking with God. Our failures come of our trying to succeed by our own wisdom and in our own strength. Our Father has not only provided for our final salvation; but He has equally provided for our living. He knows our every want, and has seen to it, that nothing be lacking. Are we ignorant? He has said, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not." Now, we need not go blundering on, as we have done in the past. What ever the perplexity, we may go to God and say, trustfully, "Lord, I do not know what I ought to do, in this case; teach me, guide me." As surely as we do so, He will make it plain. Do you ask how? Never mind how, He will make it plain to you, and you will walk in a safe path. There will be an answer of assurance to your heart. Do life's burdens press you hard? God has invited you to cast your cares on him, assuring you that He cares for you. This may be done. It has been done by multitudes of burdened souls. They have laid down their crushing cares at the throne of grace and gone away singing songs of gladness. Let us not forget it, or doubt it, we may cast our cares on the Almighty.

Are we weak? The Lord is our strength as well as our Redeemer. Do our sins annoy us, and temptations assail us? Walking with God, they lose their power. There is, in brief, a balm in Gilead for every wound, a cordial for every fear. The supplies of grace are ample, and suited by divine wisdom and goodness to every human want. A life, therefore, of peace and joy is a beautiful possibility. We are permitted, whatever be our station in life, to walk, as did one of old, with God, to have his counsel in every perplexity, His help in every trial and the light of His presence in every hour of darkness. What a beautiful life, how sweet, how attractive; and it is a possibility. Why not change and get into that way?

GOOD SOCIETY.

Some people are greatly distressed, lest they should be denied a place in "good society." When they go to a new town, they look around to see where "good society" may be found. They are deeply anxious, for it would never do to be put down with second or third class society. The question, not unfrequently, cuts quite a figure in church affairs. It has been heard of, that certain church people have made a boast, that they represent good society, and the way to get into that charmed circle, is to join their church. There are not wanting shallow-souled people, who are greatly moved by such a plea. Their principles, if they have any, bend readily before the social force.

Some years ago, a clergyman related in our hearing, that he missed from his congregation one of the brightest young lady members of his flock. Upon seeking the cause of her absence, it came out she was on the eve of joining the Episcopalians for the purpose of getting into "good society." Her pastor told her that she did not have to leave the church of her father to get into "good society." She believed him, and was content to remain. But was she worth her room? How hateful, in the sight of God, is such trifling.

Another lady, one of genuine refinement and true piety, moved to a city, where her church was poor and obscure. Directly, she was over-run with the members of a certain church, who, in due time, suggested to her that, as she was just forming acquaintances, she should join their church, which would, at once, place her in "good

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